## CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: Image 5

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Applicant: Secretary for Internal Affairs

Classification: Objectionable.

None Descriptive note:

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Date of direction to issue No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 10 September 2013

## Summary of reasons for decision:

The image is a sexually explicit manga drawing in colour. It depicts a distressed-looking girl being engaged in sexual conduct by a man. The image is intended to sexually arouse people with a prurient interest in children and young persons. It serves to validate that interest by representing a young girl as vulnerable, sexually desirable and available for adult gratification.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s 3(2)(a) are deemed to be objectionable. This is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of "a free and democratic society" to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of children and young persons for sexual purposes.